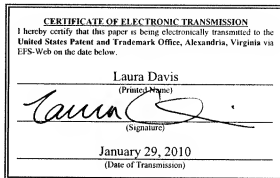


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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is responsive to the Final Office Action issued July 31, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A response to this Action originally was due October 31, 2009. Enclosed with this Reply is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal and payment of the necessary fees. In view of the filing of this Petition and payment of the fees, a Reply is now due February 1, 2010 (January 31, 2010 being a Sunday). Accordingly, this Reply is timely filed and the application is currently pending.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.